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25 TO 50 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR TRUJILLO

At the convening of court yesterday morning the three defendants who had pleaded guilty to the indictments charging the murder of Juan Peralta at Tajique on May 28, 1911, Eduardo Trujillo, Juana Peralta and Isabel Billesca, were brought before the court for sentence. The sentences were: Trujillo, not less than twenty five nor more than fifty years at hard labor in the territorial penitentiary at Santa Fe. The women were given not less than three nor more than five years each in penitentiary.

At first glance, these sentences appear very slight, when the hideousness of the crime is considered. But the court in pronouncing the sentences, explained several things in connection herewith. In the case of Trujillo, the enormity of the crime was reduced by the fact that there was nothing to prove premeditation. All three of the defendants told the same story in this regard. Isabel had left Trujillo at her house and gone over to her mother's, claiming that she did not want Peralta to know that Trujillo was there. That she wanted to avoid any trouble. When Peralta appeared, Trujillo claims that the fight ensued and was compelled to shoot in self defense, as the larger man was getting the better of him in the scuffle. The court called attention to the fact that had Trujillo not had his gun so handy, the fight would not have ended so disastrously as it did. The court was also informed that Trujillo had not been in serious trouble before, but had been a hard working boy. On the other hand the court took cognizance of the fact that the boy had certainly been indulging in improper relations with Isabel, which weighed against him, and which in the purview of the court, had brought on the whole trouble. The pleas of guilty weighed strongly in favor of all three defendants, as it would have been practically impossible to have proven murder against them, had they merely claimed self defense, except for the fact they had destroyed the body.

In the case of the women, the court was satisfied that they had taken practically no hand in the murder. Juana

Peralta had not even been present at the time of the killing. They were in truth accessories after the fact, but the statutes of the territory provide no penalty for this crime. All that was established against the women was that Isabel had urged Trujillo not to let Peralta hurt him, and later urged the burning of the body. The court's address to the women, and especially to Isabel, was an urgent plea for honest living, emphasizing the fact that her dishonest life was now bringing its reward.

In conversation, the prosecuting attorney highly complimented the officers, both Sheriff Meyer and the Mounted police, Captain Fornoff and Sergeant Collier, on their efficient work in securing the confessions, and gathering the evidence which led up to the confessions. This not only saved the county great expense in securing evidence, but the highly probable result of a mistrial or a verdict of acquittal. The prisoners will be conveyed to the penitentiary at once to commence their sentences.

Thus ends one of the most brutal crimes, especially as to the disposal of the body, that Torrance county or any other county in the territory has ever witnessed, and it is hoped there will never be another of its kind to be chronicled.

Yesterday afternoon the grand jury made a report, returning ten true bills, and reporting five cases in which the evidence adduced did not warrant the finding of an indictment, and also reporting several cases as under consideration, but uncompleted. The court dismissed the grand jury to meet again on the morning of January 15, 1912, when the work of the court will again be taken up. In dismissing the body or men, he addressed them for a few minutes, thanking them for their diligent work, and the manner in which they had conducted themselves during the week of their labor. He expressed himself as more than gratified with the treatment he has received each time he had visited our county in his official capacity, both as to care for his personal comfort and the work of the court.

Of the ten indictments returned, several of the defendants have not yet been arrested and have not given

Report of Schools

Report of Estancia School for the month ending December 8, 1911.

Primary, Mrs. Blanch Parrett, teacher; enrollment, 47, average daily attendance, 28; number of recitations, 18; those neither absent nor tardy, Myrtle Cochran, Ralph Cochran, Ethel Ogilvie, Glenden Volk, May Young, Adron Williams, Le Roy Williams.

Second Primary, Miss Mary Lobb, teacher; enrollment, 45; daily attendance, 36; number of recitations, 22; those neither absent nor tardy, Wilma McHan, Tom Van Stone, Katharine Van Stone, Geraldine Woods, Rose Lena Lentz, Charley Lentz, Gladys Hunter, Edith Hine, O. C. Loveless, Raymond Hamilton, Lynn Patterson, Floyd Kookan, Wesley Kookan.

Elementary, Miss Elizebeth Hubbard, teacher, enrollment, 45; daily attendance, 30; recitations, 14; those neither absent nor tardy, William Loveless, Dorward Atkinson, Rolla Patterson, Jennie Lentz, Vivia Shields.

Grammar, Miss Minnie Laws, teacher; enrollment, 42; daily attendance, 33; recitations, 16; those neither absent nor tardy, Charley Read, Edwin Garvin, Connie Fugatt, Elmer Jones, Johnathan Loveall, Ralph Epler, Jimmie Aamilton, Laura Madole, Lena Grant, Myrtle Williams, Lillian Hamilton, Gertrude Loveall, Edith Atkinson, Mary Rose Patterson, Ruth Grant, Irene Henry, Hebe Whitman, Jerrel Whitman, Maggie Myers.

Grammar and High School, J. I. Ferguson, teacher; enrollment 24; daily attendance 21; number of recitations, 16; those neither absent nor tardy: Mabel Laws, Mabel Hine, Nellie Cochran, Bessie Atkinson, Esther Gogolin, John Shirley.

Sunday Services at Baptist Church

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching both morning and evening by the pastor.

Morning subject--The Invested Life.

Evening subject--The Parting Words of Jesus.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

J. Q. Herrin, pastor.

Mrs. W. H. Minerman and brother, Forest Mason, left yesterday for Gallup, after a visit with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Mason here.

bond: The cases in which this has been done are as follows:

Francisco Sanchez, assault with intent to kill.

Juan Sanchez, Nepumoceno Lueras and Evarista Lueras, larceny of a steer.

Martin Vallejos, larceny of cow Geo. B. Brown, larceny of cattle.

Geo. W. Ford, larceny of cattle.

The case of the territory vs. Doroteo Torres, et als. was given the jury last night.

GARDEN OF EDEN AS FERTILE AS IN TIME PAST

Manzano, N. M., Dec. 11--Ex-Governor L. B. Prince, in his address before the late republican convention at Las Vegas, stated that it was an absolute fact that the Garden of Eden was located in New Mexico, and that the original apple tree, where Eve plucked the tempting fruit, was still standing in the town of Manzano. I have just visited the ancient apple orchard still standing on the sloping hillside south of the old spring, and the diameter of some of the trees is fully that some of the largest cottonwoods in the Rio Grande valley. The orchard is still bearing apples. I had a most interesting interview with Temous Tabbett, the local merchant prince at Manzano, who has been in business in New Mexico for quarter of a century. Mr. Tabbett is a native of Syria, his home city being Damascus, the oldest in the world, and a Mohammedan stronghold. His ancestors worked in the famous palm garden given to Cleopatra by Anthony on the plains of Jericho thousands of years ago. Mr. Tabbett shares Mr. Prince's opinion about the Manzano orchard and it will be a source of pleasure to the distinguished scholar, ex-governor and ex-chief justice to be backed up in his opinion by this eminent educated Arabian now living within a stones throw of the orchard. The glamour of the past is everything in Manzano. Without that charm it would not have half of its fame despite its beautiful location. A veil of romance hangs over the historic landscape; every stone and every half ruined wall is a monument. The ruins of La Cuara, a two-story rock church with walls six feet thick are still standing with in three miles of the town. This ruin is fully three centuries old. There were eleven Pueblo villages seen by the explorer Chamuscada, as early as 1580, in this district. They were peopled by the Piro Indians, a branch of the Tanos family; with two divisions, one occupying the Rio Grande valley from San Marcial to Alamillo; the others known as the Salineros, occupied the desert land on the north end of the Jornada del Muerto, and the foothills of the Manzanos. The Gran Quivira ruins are a relic of the latter branch as well as those at La Cuara and elsewhere. A mission was started here as early as 1626. The present Catholic church, which, of course was built at a much later date, is in good repair and the parsonage, now occupied by Rev. Joseph Gauthier is the finest building in the town. Manzano has always been the resident home of the

clergy in this parish, which used to include all the old towns here, Tajique, Torreon, Punta del Agua, Chilibi, and all the old towns along the Gallinas. Capitan and White mountains as far as the old town of Lincoln. Antonio Lamy, nephew of the venerable Archbishop Lamy, was the resident priest here in the early seventies. When a young man he went to the old town of Lincoln to hear the confession of a criminal who was to be hanged. It affected his nerves so seriously that he died on his return to Manzano.

Another claim to fame by Manzano is the fact that it is the home of Dr. Christian J. Amble republican treasurer-elect of Torrance county, elected by a majority of 380 votes over his democratic opponent, Angus McGillivray, the well known sheep raiser. Dr. Amble is a native of the Land of the Midnight Sun, his home town being Hudde, a seaport town on the Hardangerfjord, Norway. This place is an old stamping ground of the Norse vikings, where Rolla, the conqueror of Normandy, lived. There is nothing humiliating in his defeat when McGillivray reflects that his adversary came from a spot near the North Cape whence sailed a thousand years ago the dauntless warriors of the north who for 200 years ravaged England, Scotland, France, and Ireland and crossed the Atlantic hundreds of years before Columbus sailed from Spain. Mr. McGillivray is an old timer and highly popular, but had Teddy Roosevelt run against Amble he would have been licked in this county. Dr. Amble has a large practice along the foothills of the Manzanos, and it was the solid mountain vote from the people among whom he practiced which gave him his large majority. It is claimed that on election day he drove around visiting his patients as usual and hardly asked anyone to vote for him. Dr. Amble and wife will soon take up their residence at the county seat at Estancia. The doctor, although of a seafaring race, owns no ships. He does, however, possess a Buick Mountain Climber chain automobile in which during a three hour fifty mile drive the writer enjoyed the sights of the Estancia valley.

We visited one farm in the Manzano draw where two farmers have 300 tons of fine upland gramma hay. Coming back we stopped at the well kept farm of R. E. Chapman, where we bought 8,000 pounds of pinto beans. Mr. Chapman is a successful dry farmer located five

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